



Natural Bridges
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Superintendent's Compendium

Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Natural Bridges National Monument. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- The visitor center is open year-round during the core hours of 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. These hours may be extended depending on staffing levels. The visitor center is closed on the federal holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days.
- Overnight camping/parking is only allowed in the campground which is open year-round.

Closures:

- All bridges are closed to walking on their surface and all types of climbing.

This restriction serves to protect hikers whose risk of injury is greater due to the narrow width of the bridges. These restrictions also serve to protect hikers walking on trails beneath the natural bridges and to protect the structural integrity of the bridges.

ATVs, Off Road Vehicles and Non-powered Flight:

- All vehicles operated within the boundaries of Natural Bridges National Monument must have a valid state registration, display a valid state license plate(s), and meet any other requirements for motor vehicles operated on highways within the State of Utah. 36 CFR 4.2.
- Any off highway vehicle (OHV), all terrain vehicle (ATV), or other motorized conveyance manufactured for recreational non-highway, off road, or all terrain travel (all-terrain type I or type II vehicles, as defined by Utah State Code Annotated 41-22-2) is prohibited. 36 CFR 1.5
- No use of vehicles is allowed off of designated roads. 36 CFR 4.10(a), (b).

These restrictions are intended to protect fragile soil crusts and native vegetation.

- Natural Bridges National Monument is closed to the use of all forms of non-powered flight including hang gliders, paragliders, and parachutes.
- Building, Antenna, Span, Earth (BASE) jumping is prohibited. 36 CFR 2.17(3); NPS Management Policies 2001, 8.2.2.7.

These restrictions are intended to protect visitors from the inherent dangers associated with hang gliding, paragliding, parachutes and BASE jumping. These restrictions also serve to protect other park visitors as well as park resources.

Passenger Carrying Buses:

- Operators of commercial motor vehicles carrying passengers are prohibited from idling their engines in parking lots of developed areas within the boundaries of Natural Bridges National Monument.

This restriction serves to protect visitors and park resources from unnecessary exhaust fumes in the air and to prevent the diminished enjoyment of the peace and tranquility of the Monument.

Technical Rock Climbing:

- Climbing and canyoneering within Natural Bridges National Monument shall be either free climbing or clean aid climbing, except as described below.

- No permanent climbing hardware may be installed in any fixed location.
- Climbing anchors and/or protection points may not be placed with the use of a hammer or other device except for emergency self-rescue.
- The intentional removal of lichen or plants from rock is prohibited.
- The physical altering of rock faces such as chiseling, glue reinforcement of existing holds, and gluing of new holds is prohibited.
- The use of motorized power drills is prohibited.
- Fixed ropes may not be left in place for more than 24 hours. Fixed ropes left in place longer than 24 hours shall be considered “abandoned property” and removed.
- Slack-lining is prohibited.

These restrictions serve to protect the natural appearance of the rock which is compromised by the installation of permanent climbing hardware. They also serve to protect the aesthetic appearance of natural resources within the Monument. Technical climbing requiring anchor points may weaken the stability of the bridges making them more susceptible to erosion, thus unnaturally shortening their lifespan.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- **§2.4(d)** Carry or possess a weapon trap, or net that is readily accessible (i.e. not cased, broken down, or rendered inoperable or inaccessible), anywhere within the Monument.

This restriction serves to protect visitors as well as natural resources, specifically wildlife, within the Monument.

- **§2.5(a)** Specimen collection (The taking of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

This restriction is intended to protect natural resources that should be available for the enjoyment of future generations.

- **§2.12(a)** Audio Disturbance
- **§2.50(a)** Conducting a sports event, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- **§2.51(a)** Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- **§2.52(c)** Sale or distribution of printed material that is not solely commercial advertising

These restrictions serve to maintain a natural, peaceful and enjoyable atmosphere for visitors.

- **§2.60(b)** Livestock use.

This restriction is intended to protect fragile natural resources found within the boundaries of the Monument.

- **§2.62** Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

These restrictions serve to ensure a positive visitor experience as well as the protection of natural resources in the Monument.

- **§5.1** Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- **§5.3** Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- **§5.5** Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

These restrictions are intended to ensure a natural, tranquil and uninhibited experience for visitors to the Monument.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) It is unlawful to gather or cut firewood anywhere within the Monument.

This restriction serves to protect the desert ecosystem within the Monument. Dead and downed wood is part of the natural and scenic landscape and an essential survival component for many species.

(a)(5 & 6) No archeological sites in Natural Bridges National Monument may be entered, walked on or otherwise disturbed.

This restriction is intended to protect the irreplaceable cultural resources within the Monument that give valued insight into other past cultures.

(c)(1), (c)(2) Reasonable small quantities of fruits, berries and nuts may be gathered for immediate personal consumption. The use of bush rakes or other harvesting devices is prohibited.

This provision serves to protect natural ecological processes within the Monument as harvesting fruits, berries and nuts depletes food supplies for wildlife habitat.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) All lands within the boundary of the monument are closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light.

This restriction serves to protect the natural and peaceful habitat of wildlife.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping in the monument has the following restrictions:

- Camping is only permitted in the designated campground.
- The campground will be operated on a first-come, first-served basis. Campsites may not be held for parties arriving later.
- Occupancy of each campsite is limited to 8 persons, 2 tents, and 2 vehicles.
- Campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- All motor vehicles must be parked on designated vehicle pads and must not extend into the roadway. Vehicle barriers may not be moved to enlarge the available parking space and natural resources must not sustain damage from a parked vehicle.
- Campground ‘Quiet Hours’ are from 10:00 pm until 8:00 am. Generators may not be operated during these hours.
- Visitors are prohibited from soliciting other campers to share their campsites.
- Checkout time is 10:00 am daily. Persons still occupying sites, including vehicles and/or equipment, after checkout time, will be required to pay the campground fee for an additional day.
- Camping fees are to be paid and deposited within thirty (30) minutes of occupying a campsite. Camping permit stubs must be displayed on the campsite marker immediately after payment is deposited. Sites not paid for within thirty minutes will be considered unoccupied and available for use.
- Grey water may only be disposed of in pit toilets. It is prohibited to dispose of grey water on the ground.

(b)(9) The length of stay is limited to seven (7) consecutive days from May 1st through September 30th, and fourteen (14) consecutive days from October 1st through April 30th.

(b)(10) All food must be kept out of the reach of wildlife at all times. Food and other camping supplies must be kept in a vehicle or otherwise contained when the campsite is not occupied.

These restrictions serve to protect natural resources in the Monument by limiting group size and prescribing a camping location. The restrictions also protect the recreational experience of all visitors by limiting the time and manner of use by any one group occupying a site. They also serve to ensure the proper disposal of human waste to protect water quality, natural habitat and visitor safety.

36 CFR 2.12 – Audio Disturbances

(a)(1)(ii) Any noise level from a radio, tape deck, compact disc or other mechanical device which is more audible than conversational voice at a distance of 50 feet from the source is prohibited.

This restriction is intended to ensure the natural and peaceful enjoyment of the Monument for its visitors.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is permitted only under the following conditions:

- Fires are restricted to the campground in standing metal fire grills provided.
- Gathering wood and making ground fires are prohibited.
- Burning trash and other waste is prohibited.
- During periods of extreme fire danger, as established by fire weather data, all fires within the Monument will be prohibited with the exception of gas burning stoves.

These requirements are intended to ensure that the visual and environmental impacts of campfires and cooking fires are limited in high use areas. Fire rings attract trash and food residue from campers attempting to burn trash before leaving an area. High temperatures from ground fires negatively impact soils and impair plant growth. These restrictions also serve to minimize the risks of forest fires during extreme weather conditions.

36 CFR 2.14 – Sanitation and Refuse.

(2.14) In non-developed areas, toilet paper must be carried out. Burning or burying toilet paper is prohibited.

This restriction serves to protect public health, natural resources and water quality.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) Dogs (except guide dogs), cats and other pets must be on leash (max. 6 feet) at all times and are prohibited on any Monument land, trails or public buildings, except for those locations identified below:

FRONTCOUNTRY – Pets on a leash (max. 6') are allowed on all park roads open for public vehicular use, parking areas, established picnic areas, campground, paved trails to overlooks and the trail from the campground to the Visitor Center.

BACKCOUNTRY – Pets are prohibited in all backcountry areas. Backcountry areas are all areas below the canyon rims. Pets are prohibited on all non-paved trails.

- (a)(3) Pets may be left unattended if they are secured in a location where they will not interfere with wildlife or normal travel by visitors and they cannot cause resource damage. Pets may not be left unattended overnight, or when weather or other conditions could endanger the pet's health.
- (a)(5) Pet excrement must be immediately collected by the pet handler and disposed of in the nearest trash receptacle or pit toilet. If there is not a trash receptacle in the area, the excrement shall be disposed of in a location away from the area of normal public travel.
- (e) Monument residents may keep pets in compliance with the current pet policy for the Southeast Utah Group Superintendent's Directive 2006 F-3.

These restrictions serve to protect park natural/cultural resources, wildlife, and visitors from the negative impacts of domestic animals.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) Horses, burros, mules, lamas, and other animals used as pack animals are not permitted within the boundaries of Natural Bridges National Monument with the following exceptions and with the authorization of the superintendent:

- Removal of trespassing livestock
- Search and rescue
- Law enforcement
- Other emergency operations

These restrictions serve to protect soil crust and other natural resources.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, rollerblades, roller skis, skateboards, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed on paved roads only. Use of these devices must comply with the same traffic regulations that apply to bicycles.

This restriction serves to protect soil crust and other natural resources.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in government buildings and in the fuel and flammables storage area.

Use of tobacco products is prohibited in all government vehicles.

During periods of extreme fire danger, as established by fire weather data, all smoking within the Monument will be prohibited.

These restrictions are intended to protect public/employee's health from the effects of smoking and minimize the risk of fire and/or explosion around fuel storage areas. They also serve to minimize the risks of forest fires during extreme weather conditions.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Geocaching is prohibited. Geocaching is defined as placing a concealed cache within Monument boundaries and then disseminating the coordinates/location, or clues to the coordinates/location, for the purpose of enticing third parties to search for the cache at a later date.

This restriction serves to protect soil crust and other natural resources in both front and backcountry areas within the Monument.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events, or specialized recreation uses:

Entrance Fee Area:

Vehicle Pass - 7 days	\$ 6.00
Individual Pass (Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walking) - 7 days	\$ 3.00 / Person
National Parks Passport	\$80.00
SE Utah Group Pass	\$25.00
Golden Age Passport	\$10.00
Golden Access Passport	Free

Campground Fee Area:

One Campsite	\$10.00 / Night
One Campsite w/Golden Age or Access Pass	\$ 5.00 / Night

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all public use buildings when the building is open to the general public with the exception of officially sanctioned activities.

This restriction serves to protect visitors in public buildings from the effects of alcoholic beverage consumption.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) The possession or use of fireworks/explosives is not permitted in the Monument.

This restriction serves to eliminate unnecessary fire danger and to ensure peaceful and safe enjoyment of the Monument by visitors.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Traps, nets and unloaded weapons may be possessed within a temporary lodging or mechanical mode of conveyance when such implements are rendered temporarily inoperable or are packed, cased or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use.

This restriction serves to eliminate tools used in hunting practices from the Monument

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A Special Use Permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.

These restrictions serve to protect natural resources as well as the visitor experience.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) All springs, seeps, and other natural water sources are closed to swimming, bathing, wading, or immersion of humans or domestic animals.

This restriction serves to protect water quality within the Monument.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(c) The use of bicycles is permitted on all public roadways within the park. The use of a bicycle off a public roadway is prohibited.

This restriction serves to protect fragile soil crusts as well as other natural resources within the Monument.